

# Communications Status Report for Areas Impacted by Hurricane Maria November 17, 2017

The following is a report on the status of communications services in geographic areas impacted by Hurricane Maria as of November 17, 2017 at 11:00 AM EDT. This report incorporates network outage data submitted by communications providers to the Federal Communications Commission's Disaster Information Reporting System (DIRS). DIRS is currently activated for all counties in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Note that the operational status of communications services during a disaster may evolve rapidly, and this report represents a snapshot in time. It should also be noted that some communications providers have not yet reported in DIRS, so outage information almost certainly is not complete.

The following counties are in the geographic area that was covered by the DIRS activation as of this morning (the "disaster area").

Puerto Rico: Adjuntas, Aguada, Aguadilla, Aguas Buenas, Aibonito, Anasco, Arecibo, Arroyo, Barceloneta, Barranquitas, Bayamon, Cabo Rojo, Caguas, Camuy, Canovanas, Carolina, Catano, Cayey, Ceiba, Ciales, Cidra, Coamo, Comerio, Corozal, Culebra, Dorado, Fajardo, Florida, Guanica, Guayama, Guayanilla, Guaynabo, Gurabo, Hatillo, Hormigueros, Humacao, Isabela, Jayuya, Juana Diaz, Juncos, Lajas, Lares, Las Marias, Las Piedras, Loiza, Luquillo, Manati, Maricao, Maunabo, Mayaguez, Moca, Morovis, Naguabo, Naranjito, Orocovis, Patillas, Penuelas, Ponce, Quebradillas, Rincon, Rio Grande, Sabana Grande, Salinas, San German, San Juan, San Lorenzo, San Sebastian, Santa Isabel, Toa Alta, Toa Baja, Trujillo Alto, Utuado, Vega Alta, Vega Baja, Vieques, Villalba, Yabucoa and Yauco

U.S. Virgin Islands: St. Croix, St. John, St. Thomas

#### 911 Services

The Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (PSHSB) learns the status of each Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) through the filings of 911 Service Providers in DIRS, reporting to the FCC's Public Safety Support Center (PSSC), coordination with state 911 Administrators, and, if necessary, from individual PSAPs.

Both PSAPs in Puerto Rico are reported as fully operational. In the U.S. Virgin Islands, both the St. Croix and the St. Thomas 9-1-1 Call Centers are reported as operational; Phase I and Phase II location information for wireless callers and Automatic Number and Location Information (ANI/ALI) for VoIP callers has been intermittently available.



# **Wireless Services**

The following section describes the status of wireless communications services and restoration in the disaster area, including the percentage of cell sites out of service for each county.

The following map of the disaster area illustrates which counties in Puerto Rico are most affected:

# **Percent Cell Sites Out-of-Service By County**





1 - 20 21 - 40 41 - 60 61 - 80 81 - 89

The information shown was provided by the signatories to the Wireless Resiliency Cooperative Framework and several additional companies that agreed to allow us to include their data in the aggregated data:

**Puerto Rico:** 36.0% (down from 38.6% yesterday) of the cell sites are out of service. 29 (down from 35 yesterday) out of 78 counties have greater than 50% of their cell sites out of service.

The wireless companies have opened up roaming on the islands so that they, collectively, can serve the maximum population of the islands with the current coverage available. They are



coordinating and prioritizing the recovery of cell sites and placement of temporary assets with the other carriers to maximize the coverage for all subscribers. Satellite Cells on Light Trucks (COLTs) have been deployed in Aguadilla, Arecibo, Cayey, Coamo Sur, Fajardo, Guayama, Manati, Mayaguez Mesa, San German, Vega Baja, and Yauco and Terrestrial Cells on Wheels (COWs)/COLTs in Humacao, Quebradillas, Rio Grande, and Utuado. Approximately 78% (up from 74% last week) of the population was reported recently to be covered by the wireless carriers in Puerto Rico.

**U.S. Virgin Islands:** Overall, 37.2% ( down from 38% yesterday) of cell sites are out of service. 88.9% (up from 77.8% yesterday) of cell sites in St. John are out of service. Approximately 95% (up from 93% last week) of the population was reported recently to be covered by the wireless carriers in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The tables below provide the percentage of cell sites out of service by county per state or territory.

#### **Puerto Rico:**

State	Affected Counties	Cell Sites Served	Cell Sites Out	Percent Out	COWs or COLTs Deployed
PR	ADJUNTAS	10	4	40.0%	
PR	AGUADA	18	1	5.6%	
PR	AGUADILLA	48	15	31.3%	Yes
PR	AGUAS BUENAS	20	14	70.0%	
PR	AIBONITO	21	10	47.6%	
PR	ANASCO	15	8	53.3%	
PR	ARECIBO	69	21	30.4%	Yes
PR	ARROYO	10	6	60.0%	
PR	BARCELONETA	25	12	48.0%	
PR	BARRANQUITAS	18	10	55.6%	
PR	BAYAMON	154	44	28.6%	



PR	CABO ROJO	51	17	33.3%	
PR	CAGUAS	92	25	27.2%	
PR	CAMUY	17	2	11.8%	
PR	CANOVANAS	30	14	46.7%	
PR	CAROLINA	130	35	26.9%	
PR	CATANO	21	4	19.0%	
PR	CAYEY	46	27	58.7%	Yes
PR	CEIBA	13	5	38.5%	
PR	CIALES	14	6	42.9%	
PR	CIDRA	27	21	77.8%	
PR	COAMO	22	18	81.8%	
PR	COMERIO	18	13	72.2%	
PR	COROZAL	22	12	54.5%	
PR	CULEBRA	9	7	77.8%	
PR	DORADO	45	13	28.9%	
PR	FAJARDO	36	11	30.6%	Yes
PR	FLORIDA	6	3	50.0%	
PR	GUANICA	17	3	17.6%	
PR	GUAYAMA	30	17	56.7%	Yes
PR	GUAYANILLA	10	3	30.0%	
PR	GUAYNABO	99	12	12.1%	
PR	GURABO	34	13	38.2%	
PR	HATILLO	29	9	31.0%	
PR	HORMIGUEROS	10	1	10.0%	



PR	HUMACAO	44	26	59.1%	Yes
PR	ISABELA	35	12	34.3%	
PR	JAYUYA	8	2	25.0%	
PR	JUANA DIAZ	33	14	42.4%	
PR	JUNCOS	23	13	56.5%	
PR	LAJAS	19	3	15.8%	
PR	LARES	16	11	68.8%	
PR	LAS MARIAS	9	5	55.6%	
PR	LAS PIEDRAS	19	11	57.9%	
PR	LOIZA	13	5	38.5%	
PR	LUQUILLO	13	4	30.8%	
PR	MANATI	28	8	28.6%	Yes
PR	MARICAO	5	3	60.0%	
PR	MAUNABO	12	9	75.0%	
PR	MAYAGUEZ	68	17	25.0%	Yes
PR	MOCA	19	10	52.6%	
PR	MOROVIS	21	11	52.4%	
PR	NAGUABO	24	17	70.8%	
PR	NARANJITO	23	12	52.2%	
PR	OROCOVIS	15	4	26.7%	
PR	PATILLAS	16	8	50.0%	
PR	PENUELAS	19	8	42.1%	
PR	PONCE	103	19	18.4%	
PR	QUEBRADILLAS	20	8	40.0%	Yes



PR	RINCON	15	5	33.3%	
PR	RIO GRANDE	43	21	48.8%	Yes
PR	SABANA GRANDE	14	7	50.0%	
PR	SALINAS	29	22	75.9%	
PR	SAN GERMAN	26	4	15.4%	Yes
PR	SAN JUAN	368	77	20.9%	
PR	SAN LORENZO	22	15	68.2%	
PR	SAN SEBASTIAN	21	13	61.9%	
PR	SANTA ISABEL	18	10	55.6%	
PR	TOA ALTA	43	10	23.3%	
PR	TOA BAJA	54	11	20.4%	
PR	TRUJILLO ALTO	47	18	38.3%	
PR	UTUADO	21	14	66.7%	Yes
PR	VEGA ALTA	27	12	44.4%	
PR	VEGA BAJA	34	13	38.2%	Yes
PR	VIEQUES	12	9	75.0%	
PR	VILLALBA	9	4	44.4%	
PR	YABUCOA	32	24	75.0%	
PR	YAUCO	20	5	25.0%	Yes
TOTAL		2,696	970	36.0%	



# **U.S. Virgin Islands:**

State	<b>Affected Counties</b>	Cell Sites Served	<b>Cell Sites Out</b>	<b>Percent Out</b>
VI	ST. CROIX	46	19	41.3%
VI	ST. JOHN	9	8	88.9%
VI	ST. THOMAS	66	18	27.3%
TOTAL		121	45	37.2%

# **Cable Systems and Wireline (Combined)**

Since there are widespread power outages in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, the FCC has received reports that large percentages of consumers are without either cable services or wireline service. While the companies have been actively restoring service, the majority of their customers do not have service because commercial power is not yet available in their respective areas. In Puerto Rico, there are no major switches that are affected.

#### **Broadcast**

The following provides broadcast status based on data collected from DIRS input, FEMA reports, and FCC scans/outreach.<sup>1</sup>

### Television stations status:

**Puerto Rico:** (no change from yesterday)

5 TV stations are confirmed operational (WKAQ, WIPR, WNJX, WTIN, WORO)

2 TV stations are suspected to be out of service (WIPM, WELU)

70 TV stations have been issued Special Temporary Authority to be offline

30 TV stations have unconfirmed status

**U.S. Virgin Islands:** (no change from yesterday)

14 TV stations have been issued Special Temporary Authority to be offline

2 TV stations have unconfirmed status

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> When broadcast stations are listed as "suspected to be out of service", the statement is based on field scanning of relevant bands. Stations listed may be operating on reduced power or on a reduced schedule.



# **AM Radio stations status:**

**Puerto Rico:** (no change from yesterday)

42 AM radio stations are confirmed operational (WA2X, WABA, WALO, WAPA, WBMJ, WCMN, WCGB, WCPR, WDEP, WENA, WEXS, WGDL, WI2X, WI2X, WI3X, WIAC, WIPR, WISO, WKAQ, WKFE, WKJB, WKUM, WLEO, WLEY, WMDD, WMNT, WMSW, WOIZ, WOQI, WORA, WPAB, WPPC, WPRA, WPRP, WSKN, WSOL, WTIL, WUNO, WUPR, WVJP, WXEW, WYEL)

8 AM radio stations are suspected to be out of service (W227, WJDZ, WNVE, WVQR, WYAS, WZCA, WZMT, WZOL)

21 AM radio stations are confirmed out of service by the Puerto Rican Broadcast Association (WBQN, WCMA, WDNO, WEGA, WFAB, WGIT, WHOY, WIBS, WIDA, WISA, WIVV, WJIT, WKVM, WLRP, WNEL, WNIK, WOLA, WOSO, WQBS, WRSJ, WUKQ)

- 1 AM radio station has unconfirmed status
- 2 AM radio stations have been issued Special Temporary Authority to be offline

**U.S. Virgin Islands:** (no change from yesterday)

- 2 AM radio stations are confirmed operational (WSTA, WUVI)
- 2 AM radio stations are suspected to be out of service (WDHP, WSTX)
- 1 AM radio station has unconfirmed status

### FM Radio stations status:

**Puerto Rico:** (no change from yesterday)

55 FM radio stations are confirmed operational (WAEL-FM, WCAD, WCMN-FM, WCMN-FM3, WCMN-FM6, WEGM, WERR, WERR-FM1, WERR-FM2, WERR-FM3, WFDT, WFID, WIDI, WIRI, WIVA-FM, WKAQ-FM, WKAQ-FM1, WKAQ-FM2, WLUZ, WMAA-LP, WMEG, WMIO, WNNV, WNRT, WNRT-FM1, WNRT-FM2, WNVM, WODA, WORO, WOYE, WPRM-FM, WPUC-FM, WPUC-FM1, WQML, WRIO, WRRH, WRTU, WRXD, WTOK-FM, WTOK-FM2, WTPM, WTPM-FM1, WVDJ-LP, WVIE, WVIS, WVJP-FM, WVJP-FM2, WXYX, WXYX-FM1, WXYX-FM2, WZAR, WZIN, WZNT, WZNT-FM1, WZOL)



8 FM radio stations are suspected to be out of service (W227CV, WJDZ, WNVE, WVQR, WYAS, WZCA, WZMT, WZOL-FM3)

17 FM radio stations are confirmed out of service by the Puerto Rican Broadcast Association (WCAD-FM1, WCAD-FM2, WCRP, WELX, WIDA-FM, WIOA, WIOA-FM1, WIOC, WNIK-FM, WQBS-FM, WQBS-FM1, WUKQ-FM, WUKQ-FM1, WXHD, WXLX, WYQE, WZET)

- 3 FM stations have been issued Special Temporary Authority to be offline
- 28 FM radio stations have unconfirmed status
- **U.S. Virgin Islands:** (no change from yesterday)
  - 2 FM radio stations are confirmed operational (WVIE, WZIN)
  - 1 FM radio station is suspected to be out of service (WVIZ)
  - 1 FM radio station has been issued Special Temporary Authority to be offline
  - 19 FM radio stations have unconfirmed status